



October 26, 2020

Dear King Members, Friends, and Family:

As I mentioned in my Oct. 23 update, every corner of Wisconsin is experiencing COVID-19 activity. Unfortunately, that also includes our veterans homes, including the Veterans Home at King. While some – especially older populations or those with illnesses that make them more vulnerable – get sicker from COVID-19 than others might, it is up to all of us to protect each other. In the coming weeks and months, I urge you to please consider how your decisions will impact the rest of the community and make the safest choices possible to protect yourself and others from the virus.

As of this afternoon, since Friday, six members and five employees at King tested positive for COVID-19. Sadly, two members confirmed with COVID-19 passed away over the weekend. I want to share my condolences with all who loved and cared for these individuals. We are all working very hard to help people recover and we continue to test staff for COVID-19 two times a week. With 429 members and over 700 staff on campus, preventing COVID-19 spread is a challenge, but one that we can accomplish together.

In these updates, I often urge you to take precautions to protect yourself, such as staying home when possible, maintaining six feet of distance from others when you must go out, wearing a mask, and washing your hands regularly. Today, in addition to that reminder, I'd like to thank those you who have been faithfully taking these steps, realizing that we are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Tammy Servatius, Commandant